

**A SLIP IN TIME**  
**The "Inside" Story of the**  
**Blue Amberol Record Slip**

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#### **DEAR APM:**

**Question:** I have a flat-top Blue Amberol cylinder record entitled *A Day in Venice, No. 2*, by the American Standard Orchestra. But the catalog number on the rim is #1440, a number which I did not think was used for Blue Amberols. Why? **A.K., Brooklyn, N.Y.**

**Answer:** You are quite right that your cylinder has the "wrong" number. This title was first released in July, 1912 as a black wax Amberol, but as #1056. The original matrix *was* used to make the production Blue Amberol, but the correct number for it was #1968. You see, the highest number reached for the U.S. wax Amberols was #1157 in 1912. The first Blue Amberol was numbered #1501 and ran to 5719. There was a 1200 series of Blue Amberols, but these were reserved for 2-minute Mexican selections. To my knowledge, there was *no* 1400 series of Blue Amberols, so your record remains a puzzler!

**Question:** What is the story on Victor "front-mounted" talking machines which are called Type P? **N.D., Detroit**

**Answer:** The "Type P" was a code for "premium" machine. Alert readers will recall such a model illustrated in **APM**, Vol. II, No. 1, p. 5. There were three configurations: Type P, Type P I and Type P II. They were introduced by 1902 and usually had a special label pasted on the bottom of the cabinet. As the name indicates, they were not to be sold, but only used to get the public to buy *other* products. Victor continued the program for several years, until March 1906, when they sold out their last remaining machines (10,000) to Harger & Blish of Dubuque, Iowa. They were not carried in the regular catalog, but make an interesting addition to any Victor collection. □



## A SLIP IN TIME: THE BLUE AMBEROL PERIOD

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Edison Blue Amerol cylinders were introduced to the public in October, 1912, and although the records were made of an extremely durable celluloid, they were accompanied by small slips of paper which were quite perishable. These scraps of paper which now are often found crumpled in record boxes or overlooked entirely form many interesting links to the past. Through Blue Amberol record slips we can gain today a greater appreciation of the records they accompanied, as well as show business history. I hope this article will encourage others to study the slips or at least carefully preserve them. They continue a tradition going back to the first rudimentary record slips of the 1890's. (There is an excellent chapter relating to the preservation of paper in *A Guide to the Collecting and Care of Original Prints*, by Zigrosser and Gaehde, Crown Publishers Inc., New York.

Blue Amberol record slips are the forerunners of today's LP liner notes. Though other record companies introduced annotated records, such as Columbia with its 1903 Grand Opera Series, Edison was the first company to offer such notes to buyers of popular records. Edison's classical record public was not slighted though, for the 28,000 series of Concert Blue Amberols also came with record slips. I'm not sure whether Edison's foreign series cylinders (22,000 - 27,000) had record slips. They probably did not due to the expense of printing in several languages or potential delays in receiving copy from overseas press agents in time for printing deadlines in Orange, New Jersey. Edison's educational series Blue Amberols (1557 - 1710, dictation, spelling and mathematics) may have had record slips, but I have not seen any.

Approximately 950 record slips were issued in the first two years of Blue Amberol production. I surmise Edison stopped printing record slips just prior to the release of dubbed cylinders in late 1914. The highest numbered popular record slip I have seen is #2412 *March of the Inland Tribes* by Liberati's Band. In the Concert series, the highest numbered slip I have seen is #28179 *Come Back to Erin* by Orville Harrold.

A few Blue Amberol record slips of a dif-

ferent format were issued after 1914. These came with the three cylinders by Theodore Roosevelt issued in 1919 but made from 1912 masters. Each of these slips contained the entire text of the speech for its record. The Roosevelt record slips would seem to be the last Blue Amberol slips issued.

Why Edison discontinued record slips is open to speculation, but I believe they were dispensed with as an economy measure, for cylinder machine and record sales were at a low ebb in 1914 (see *From Tin Foil to Stereo*, page 104). By not printing slips, money could be saved and the packaging cylinders could be simplified by not having to wrap a slip around each record as it was boxed. Also, Edison's printers and copy writers could direct all their efforts toward producing Diamond Disc liner notes.

Furthermore, I believe the suspension of record slips was part of the Edison company's downgrading its cylinder records and machines to a lower priced line of goods. From late 1914 onward only Edison's Diamond Disc records would each have descriptive notes.

Blue Amberol record slips are full of information, some of it important and some of it trivial. But before looking at what the slips can tell us, I think it is worthwhile to look at how they differ from Diamond Disc liner notes.

Early Blue Amberol record slips seem to be written in a rather formal style. However, as time goes on, the style becomes more conversational. See #2209, reproduced here. The general increase in readability continues into the liner notes on Diamond Discs, reaching a high point in the years around World War I. At this time Edison hired a writer named Ray Cummings to draft copy for liner notes. Cummings and his successor, someone with the initials "R.T.B.," often wrote in the first person singular and personally encouraged record buyers to write in for advance news about upcoming Diamond Disc releases. The only Blue Amberol record slip done wholly by a special writer seems to be 1582, which was signed "The Piper."

Continuing this comparison of record slips and liner notes a bit longer, it seems to me that their contents are different in other



**URIEL DAVIS** has created and made a success of a most unique business. He started his career as a professional pianist, playing for society dances. During several years of this work, at which he earned a considerable reputation and was much in demand, he originated and developed a new method of playing modern dance music. It is difficult to describe, but in a word, consists of playing in absolutely strict rhythm, but with peculiar and very marked accents. It is absolutely impossible to imitate Mr. Davis' style of playing, but after you have once heard him, the same pieces rendered by an average pianist resemble his about as water does champagne. Mr. Davis, in addition to his piano work, is the foremost originator and composer of the modern society dances in America, and perhaps in the world. He is the composer of the "Horse Trot," which as a dance bids fair to supersede the Turkey Trot.

In connection with Mr. Davis and his

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"Dream Tango," a prominent critic of the *London, England, Dancing Times* wrote: "Mr. Davis has composed a very pretty Argentine Tango, which he calls the 'Dream Tango;' this I can heartily recommend. He pleads guilty to being the inventor of the 'Fish Walk,' a very harmless variety one-step, the 'Horse Trot,' and a little thing known as the 'Grape Juice Wallow' which I have implored him with tears in my eyes to keep on the other side of the Atlantic."

This "Dream Tango" is one of the best of Mr. Davis' compositions, and has already taken its place among the standard Argentine Tangos. The already long and steadily growing list of records made especially for dancing by The National Promenade Band, is considerably enhanced by the addition of this fine Tango.

#### LUELLA LEE

(1582)

Love birds cooing, calling to you, Luella Lee,  
Flowers send their perfume rare to, Luella Lee,  
Can't you read their message,  
They've a tale to tell,  
Of a heart that's longing for you  
In lover's dell,  
Moon-beams playing 'round your window, Luella Lee,  
Show me how your eyes with love glow, Luella Lee,  
Out here in the starlight, tell me can't you see,  
I am lonesome, waiting for you, Luella Lee.

Chorus:

Luella Lee, the moon is shining bright,  
Luella Lee, it shines with true lovelight,  
Come out with me, and hear the whippoorwill.  
Beneath the old oak tree, Luella Lee,  
I'll sing an old love tune, just say there'll be a happy  
honey moon,  
All for you I pine, I want to call you mine, Luella Lee.

Springtime when the bees are humming, Luella Lee,  
There will be a glad home coming, Luella Lee,  
To a cosy cottage, I have built for you,  
Where we'll live for one another, forever true,  
I will guard you ev'ry hour, Luella Lee,  
You will be my fairest flower, Luella Lee.  
Down there in love's garden  
Where you wait for me  
When the evening shades are falling, Luella Lee.

**THEODORE MORSE** is a modest young chap, and he looked considerably embarrassed when I asked him the origin of the words of his great song success "Luella Lee." "They were written by D. A. Esrom," he finally replied after much delay. Then leaning closer to me, and lowering his voice a little he continued, "If you want to know a real secret I guess I might as well let it out now as any time. D. A. Esrom—that's my wife—Dolly A. Morse. E-s-r-o-m, Morse spelled backward, see?" and he seemed more embarrassed than ever. He didn't say anything else, but he looked a whole lot, and my interest in the song was considerably augmented by the incident.

"Luella Lee" is called by its composer a "Southern serenade." Aside from the interest of the words, it has a dainty swinging melody which grows charming by repeated hearings.

THE PIPER

#### CHORUS OF

#### WHEN I GET YOU ALONE TO-NIGHT

(1602)

When I get you alone to-night, when I get you alone  
to-night  
You know we'll sit by the window, pull down the shades,  
Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh, don't be afraid  
There'll be no one around to hear,  
I'll give you a demonstration  
Of my college education,  
When I get you alone to-night.

**THIS** popular song was written by Fisher, McCarthy and Goodwin, who have, either singly or together, been responsible for many New York song successes, among which may be recalled, "Any Little Girl That's a Nice Little Girl," which was such a tremendous hit.

"When I Get You Alone To-night," seems, however, likely to outdo any of the others in popularity. It has taken New York by storm, and is being sung by countless vaudeville performers all over the country.

Billy Murray, who is undoubtedly one of the most popular singers for Edison Records, ran away from his home in Denver when but thirteen years old, and after working as a newsboy and jockey in San Francisco, returned to Denver and got a job as property man in a local theatre. He became friendly with the night watchman of the theatre, and together they originated a singing and dancing act, which they practiced in secret in a nearby barn, until finally they were able to try it on the stage. The act was a success and Billy thus secured his start. His reputation today, as a comic singer is second to none in our catalog.

Assisting Mr. Murray in the chorus are Ada Jones, John Bieling, Steve Porter and W. F. Hooley.



ways. First, hardly a Diamond Disc liner note goes by without some reference to Edison's superior recording process. There is no equivalent constant advertising "hype" in the Blue Amberol record slips. Second, Edison himself gets a lot of sugary praise in the Diamond Disc notes. The remarks for one side of #50512, *Till We Meet Again*, sung by Rice and Dalhart, read in part, "There's one man who can tell in advance just which voices will blend and which will not. One guess. Right you are -- Thomas A. Edison. He knows a lot about music as an art. But music as a science -- he knows more about that than you'd ever think there was to know." Again there is nothing like this in Blue Amberol record slips. Lastly, in Diamond Disc liner notes, recording artists seem to get space devoted to them that is on a par with space devoted to composers, whereas artists appear to be slighted in Blue Amberol record slips.

In the final years of liner notes for individual discs, 1920 and 1921, the writing style becomes more matter-of-fact and seems to revert to the style used in early Blue Amberol record slips. I gather by this time Edison no longer employed special writers to pen his liner notes.

Now, let us turn to what Blue Amberol record slips can tell us. First of all, the names of recording artists can be accurately documented for each record. This is important because Edison often changed talent in his musical groups. Also, supporting talent was often neglected on record box lids, but highlighted on the companion record slips, such as #1602 which also contains a rare description of Billy Murray's early years. Sometimes we even learn of the instruments used in Mexican violinist Jose Rocabruna we can read that Rocabruna used a rare Amati instrument, then valued at \$3000 in the solid gold currency of those times. We can also read the titles of songs in band medley records and learn a bit about each song in each medley. (see #2346).

Record slip #2168 *When It's Springtime in Virginia* sung by Owen J. McCormack contains the information that McCormack, "...has sung for the Edison talking pictures, with which latter he has made notable success." Judging from the looks of McCormack's picture in Edison's 1918 Diamond Disc catalog, he could not have been a leading man!

Furthermore, Blue Amberol record slips often contain information about who introduced songs in vaudeville or on Broadway.

In fact, members of the original casts of musicals seem to get more publicity than do the recording artists! See slip #1609, one of the most detailed I have seen. The personal lives of composers also get attention (see #2131).

Most record slips contain listings of other Blue Amberol records, both popular and classical. There are some variations, however. Slip #1718, "Oh What A Beautiful Dream," contains the usual listing of records and a real oddity...an advertisement for an Edison home recording outfit! #1731 also contains an ad for a home recording outfit. I wonder if there are others? It seems to me Edison could have used some space on record slips to good advantage by telling record buyers about other phonograph accessories or Amberola phonographs.

Talking records, such as those by Cal Stewart or Golden and Hughes, often contain full texts of the recorded dialogues and lyrics to incidental songs. Some of the Negro dialect used by Golden and Hughes can be clarified by reading their record slips. I wonder, though, why Edison's publicity people didn't have those artists who wrote their own sketches write their own record slips. This was sometimes done Diamond Disc notes, as in #50599, written by Cal Stewart himself.

I think the most interesting record slips are the occasional ones wherein composers tell their own stories (see #1959). Note also #2151. This slip is the most detailed I have seen concerning a female song writer and the only one telling of a husband and wife song writing team. In sifting through record slips while preparing this article, I was surprised to read of so many songs written by women. And each female composer is given careful mention by Edison's copy writers.

The treatment of composers in all record slips shows a certain consistency. As I said earlier, composers seem to get more space devoted to them than do recording artists. Even obscure composers of religious music receive detailed attention in the slips. But rising young composers of the time, such as Irving Berlin and Percy Wenrich seem to receive special attention. Record slip #1806, "Ragtime Violin," sung by the Premier Quartet, contains a fairly complete biography of its composer, Irving Berlin. The Premier Qt. however is ignored. The Premier Qt. again takes a back seat in #1848, *Moonlight Bay*, written by Percy



To relieve the monotony of long business trips and the lonesomeness of the wife and family behind, a travelling salesman carried with him an Edison Recording Outfit and a few blank cylinders, and left a duplicate outfit at home. By this means he was able to hear the voices of his wife and children, and they to hear his, for the Records were interchanged by mail, weekly. At almost every town the husband stopped he was able to obtain the use of an Edison Phonograph either at the hotel or from a friend. In this way the trip did not seem near so long, nor his absence near so hard to bear at home. Perhaps the best of all was to hear the prattle of his little ones. The plan is feasible not only for travelling husbands, but for distant friends and relatives, and particularly so for family reunions and special birthday occasions where the sender of the Record cannot personally be present.

The Edison Recording Outfit is very simple and efficient and not at all expensive. Ask your Dealer to demonstrate it.

## Edison Record No. 1731

By VICTOR HERBERT AND HIS ORCHESTRA

### The Idol's Eye—Selection

Music by VICTOR HERBERT

THE young song genius Irving Berlin, is, through his work, well known to the public. But of his private life little is said. Tragedies come to us all, and the life of Mr. Berlin, in spite of the jollity of his writings, has had its own tragedy recently. He was married in the spring of 1912, some two years after his rise to fame in the world of popular music. Scarcely was his honeymoon over, however, some four months after the wedding, when his beautiful young wife died. Himself hardly more than a boy, his loss struck him keenly. "When I Lost You" was the first song he wrote after his wife's death.

"I lost the angel who gave me  
Summer the whole winter through  
I lost the gladness, that turned into sadness,  
When I lost you."

Because of the presentation of this song in instrumental form, we give a few lines of the lyric, which illustrates somewhat Mr. Berlin's feelings at this time.

2131

### A List of Irving Berlin's Compositions

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| 1634 | <i>Kiss Me, My Honey, Kiss Me</i>                      | Ada Jones and Billy Murray         |
| 1643 | <i>The Yiddisha Professor</i>                          | Maurice Burkhart                   |
| 1719 | <i>When the Mid-night Choo-Choo Leaves for Alabam'</i> | Collins and Harlan                 |
| 1738 | <i>When I Lost You</i>                                 | Irving Gillette                    |
| 1784 | <i>Welcome Home</i>                                    | Anna Chandler                      |
| 1796 | <i>Snookey Ookums</i>                                  | Arthur Collins and Byron G. Harlan |
| 1806 | <i>Ragtime Violin</i>                                  | Premier Quartet                    |
| 1841 | <i>In My Harem</i>                                     | Billy Murray                       |
| 1941 | <i>Somebody's Coming to My House</i>                   | Walter Van Brunt                   |
| 1978 | <i>I Want to be Down Home in Dixie</i>                 | Arthur Collins and Byron G. Harlan |
| 2016 | <i>They've Got Me Doin' It Now—Medley</i>              | Billy Murray                       |
| 2048 | <i>Alexander's Ragtime Band</i>                        | Billy Murray                       |
| 2078 | <i>The International Rag</i>                           | Billy Murray                       |
| 2081 | <i>We Have Much to be Thankful For</i>                 | Manuel Romain                      |

WILLIAM H. FARRELL is an American negro, born at Bayonne, New Jersey, in 1885. He received his musical training at Hampton Normal Institute, where Booker T. Washington was educated, and also studied for some years in Bayonne. His mother intended the boy to be a lawyer, and for a time he did study law, finally securing a position in a lawyer's office.

During his vacation he was offered a position as pianist with a theatrical company. He is a very clever pianist, and when the time came to return to his \$9 a week "legal position," his \$20 a week job as a piano player looked much better. He decided to postpone his return to Bayonne until the following January. This time is still to come, for Mr. Farrell has never been back there yet, to live—only to visit his mother!

While holding down the pianist job, he found he could write a song; his first one was "Kiss Me, Kid" written in 1909. It was a fair success, and since then he has

(2200)

written steadily, and has produced many very meritorious pieces. Among the best known may be named, "I'm Going Mad Over You," "Moonlight on the Levee," "You're so Different from the Rest," and "Not To-night," a "telephone song" of exceptional interest, originality, and merit. Mr. Farrell plays and sings his songs very well indeed, and his forthcoming debut in vaudeville is bound to be a successful one.

In addition to his popular songs Mr. Farrell has composed one or two musical shows, and for some time was a choral director. He always writes both the words and music; for this reason his lyrics and music invariably suit each other perfectly—a virtue seldom found in a popular song. "Who Will Be With You When I Go Away" was introduced into vaudeville by Moore and Haager, and became immediately popular.



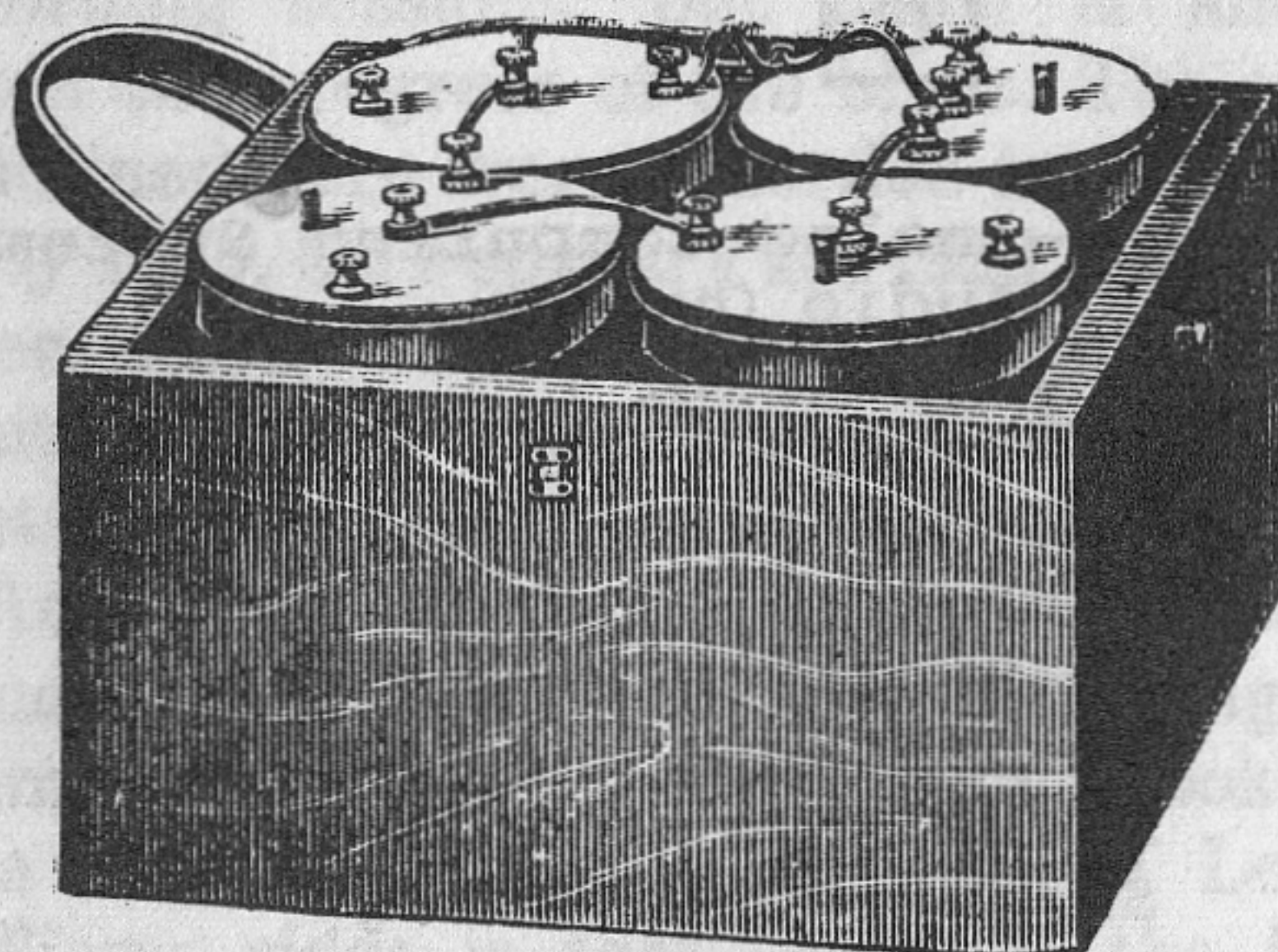
Wenrich. I guess the Premier Quartet was more detached about its publicity than today's musical groups are.

Edison's treatment of Negro composers in record slips also seems consistent. *Who Will Be With You When I'm Far Away* (#2200) was written by William H. Farrell, a Negro song writer and vaudevillian. Farrell is given the usual generous treatment for young composers. This slip may show that the lot of some Black composers was not as grim as others, such as Scott Joplin. Note, however, that the word "Negro" was spelled in lower case in those days. See #2407 for its treatment of James Europe, another Black composer. Other popular songs were written by Negro songwriter James A. Bland, such as *Carry Me Back to Old Virginny*, *Aunt Dinah's Golden Wedding*, *Oh, dem Golden Slippers*.

Some composers have whole record slips devoted to themselves. #2127, *Old Black Joe*, contains a lengthy biography of its famous composer Stephen Foster. So lengthy is the biography that there is no room for the usual list of other Blue Amberol records! On the other hand, #2184, *Rudolph's Narrative from La Boheme*, completely ignores the composer, Puccini, and the recording artist, Charles Harrison. The slip is devoted to a synopsis of the whole opera.

As I said earlier, about 950 Blue Amberol slips were apparently issued. I have only seen about two hundred separate slips, and it is on these that I have based this article. I encourage other collectors to seek out these links to the past and to publish other findings that come to light.

Note: Ron welcomes originals or xeroxes of the slips he needs for research. He can be reached at 3605 Christmas Tree Lane, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, or through APM.



THE  
Edison Exhibition  
Phonograph Battery.

## Rescuing the Voices of the Dead — A Laser-Read Sound Repro- duction System

Tom Hedberg

The recent resurgence of interest in the phonograph as an *historical* medium, resulting from the celebration of the centennial of its invention, has elicited much speculation as to the fate and content of some of the first original tinfoil phonograms.

To my best knowledge, most extant tinfoil recordings are located in small quantities in private collections scattered throughout the U.S., or perhaps in somewhat larger number in public collections, such as the Smithsonian Institution and the Franklin Institute. Due to their extreme age, degree of oxidation and fragility, most of the recordings are no doubt unplayable in their present form, thus depriving posterity of voices and performances, in some cases now over a century old.

Tin-foil records of such figures as Henry Morton Stanley, young Tom Edison, Rutherford B. Hayes, Carl Schurz, etc., along with performances by Marie Hypolite Roze and John Gilmore, have too long remained in inaccessible form.

I propose here a system allowing the reproduction of sounds engraved upon tin-foil records using a computer-mediated, quantal pulse LASER-light reflectivity mode employing programmable speeds and x-y groove depth equilibration. Such techniques would not harm the recordings and would further have the advantage of maintaining a constant speed for sound reproduction while eliminating surface noises and defects.

Essentially the system involves a constant-pulse generator (PG) calibrated (C) to quantal LASER pulse production of  $10^5$  p/msec at constant amplitude. The coupled LASER source (LS) is a beam,



diameter-adjusted for groove pitch, striking the record surface at a  $5^\circ$  incident angle permitting reflectance onto a sequence-analyzed (SA) photocell (PC) which, after analysis and amplification, might have its output coupled as electromagnetic variance to an audio output unit.

The operant idea of the system is that light, like sound, may be reflected from a solid surface. In this case, the very slight time-lag resulting from the variable depth of the record groove may be analyzed as electromagnetic variance upon reading by the photocell-sequence analyzer unit.

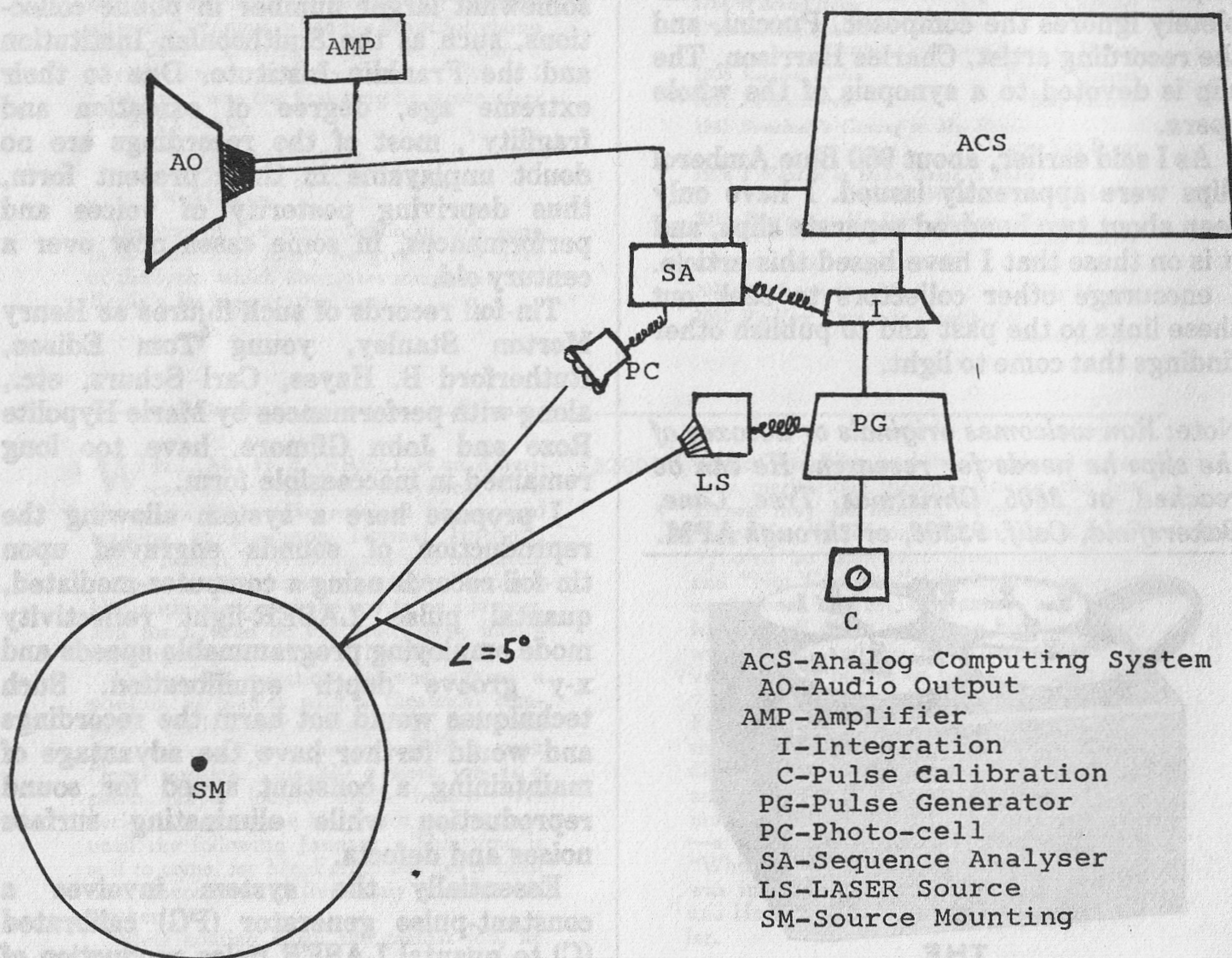
Base point on the system may be set as the unrecorded depth of the record groove. Prior to sound reproduction the cylinder-mounted tin-foil record must be spun at a predetermined scanning speed and analyzed, in program mode, for incidental, mechanical base-point groove depth irregularities. The program output might then

reroute to compensate for the same during sound reproduction. This system has the added advantage that incidental, mechanical cylinder speed fluctuations may be corrected after initial reproduction by compensation maintenance of reproduced frequencies.

Another variation of this system utilizes a fixed-length LASER-beam which retains length integrity during reflection, but is lengthened by fixed increments in the absence of reflectivity, i.e. when the groove deepens. The degree of lengthening may again be read as electromagnetic variance in achieving sound reproduction.

This system, as outlined, is presently under development at the STATE University of New York at Stony Brook. Hopefully, future developments will permit use of this and similar systems to achieve perfect reproduction of all types of hill-and-dale records, of which tin-foil was the first.  $\square$

#### LASER-READ SOUND REPRODUCTION FOR HILL AND DALE RECORDS





## RECORD REVIEW

by David Yuckman

*Cruel Daddy Blues*  
*Decatur Street Blues*  
*Achin' Hearted Blues*  
*Struttin' Blues*  
*It Makes No Difference Now*  
*Got To Cool My Doggies Now*  
(*Sweet 'n' Pretty Strut*)  
*Sugar Blues*  
*The Meanest Blues in the World*  
(*I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My*) *Sister Kate*  
*If You Don't Believe I Love You, Look What a Fool I've Been*  
*Uncle Bud*  
*Mexican Blues*  
*I'm Goin Away*  
*Bring It With You When You Come*  
*Teasin', Squeezin' Man of Mine*  
*If Your Man Is Like My Man*

Unless you're a fanatic follower of vintage jazz and blues, you might be tempted to let this record go by. The singer is obscure, the band is seldom reissued, and the recordings were made before the great New Orleans masters could be persuaded to enter a recording studio. But if you let this gem go by, you're making a big mistake. The singing, accompaniment, choice of material, and sound quality are all pleasant surprises.

Leona Williams was a Creole blues singer from New Orleans. She made only sixteen records, all for Columbia and they're all here. She was not a country-influenced singer of the classic Southern mold, like Ma Rainey or Bessie Smith. Her accent and style are basically Southern, but her work sometimes shows the sophistication more typical of Northern singers like Ethel Waters. Little is known of her after her few recording sessions, but much is known about the progress of the blues. The sides contained here were recorded in 1922 and early 1923. On February 15, 1923, nine days after Leona Williams' last session, Bessie Smith entered a recording studio for the first time. But that's another story.

Accompaniment is provided by the Dixie Band, a pseudonym for the Original Memphis Five, a white band from Brooklyn. The historical significance of the Leona Williams sides is that they are the first records by a black singer backed up by a white jazz band. What is probably more significant is that nobody made a fuss about it.

*Leona Williams and Her Dixie Band*  
*Fountain FB-303*

The OMF was one of the most prolific recording groups of the early jazz era for they made over 300 sides between 1921 and 1925, with about 100 more during the late '20's. Unfortunately, very little of their work has seen it on to LP. From listening to their work with Leona Williams and some of their instrumental sides, I can't understand this. The band plays with a self-confidence and a smoothness never before heard on record. Though they were a spinoff of the Original Dixieland Jazz Band, none of the ODJB's jerkiness is present. Harlem jazz was not established as a style as early as 1922, and many of the uptown bands which accompanied blues singers during the period sounded wooden. It was not until 1923 that New Orleans masters like King Oliver and Jelly Roll Morton and their disciples such as the New Orleans Rhythm Kings made their first records and showed jazz musicians everywhere how to play together. For the Leona Williams sides, most of the accompaniment is ensemble, with Phil Napoleon patterning trumpet breaks after Johnny Dunn, an early New York trumpet star. Frank Signorelli's piano is heard on the last two cuts, and his style is a combination of ragtime and blues, like Clarence Williams with some Eubie Blake influence. The only flaw in the accompaniment is that most of the songs contain a four-bar intro, two-bar vamp, verse, one chorus, sixteen bars of instrumental, and the last half-chorus vocal. After awhile, this pattern sounds repetitious, but it must be kept in mind that these selections were recorded two at a time, and nobody was expected to listen to all sixteen at once.

The songs on the LP, for the most part, represent the type of material usually sung by the vaudeville blues singers. The songs are pop tunes from the period, and some are quite interesting. Clarence Williams, a New Orleans piano player and A & R man, wrote five of the selections, including *Achin' Hearted Blues* and *Sugar Blues*, which were recorded by several other blues singers. A friend of Williams, A.J. Piron, a New Orleans bandleader is responsible for *If Your Man Is Like My Man* and *I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate*. The latter is particularly interesting, not only because it was the biggest seller of all Leona Williams' records, but because it represents the composer's original idea for



performing the song. It is done as a slow drag, with heavy blues influence; not the fast Dixieland tune that musicians of the '40's played. In the practice of the Twenties, all the songs heard on the LP are presented complete with verses. *I'm Goin' Away* may be familiar to New Orleans jazz fans, since it was recorded by King Oliver's Creole Jazz Band in 1923. New York composers are represented, also. J. Tim Brymn, leader of a Harlem concert band contributed *Cruel Daddy Blues*, mediocre pop blues, and *Struttin' Blues*, a peppy, melodic tune, which shows little blues influence. Other songs are borrowed from the country tradition. *If You Don't Believe I Love You, Look What A Fool I've Been* comes from the country blues tradition, while *Uncle Bud* is perhaps better known to fans of old time country music than to jazz collectors. Compare this version with the one recorded by Gid Tanner's Skillet Lickers in the late 1920's. Most of the songs are quite interesting and, considering that they were selected 55 years ago, have stood the test of time very well. The humor of *Bring It With You When You Come* is especially rare in early blues recordings.

The record itself has several points to recommend it. The sound quality is extremely good for acoustical recordings. The liner notes by Brian Rust, England's foremost authority on traditional jazz, can inform the casual collector without boring the scholar. The material is presented completely, and in chronological order. Fountain has also reissued the Original Memphis Five's Gennett sides, when they called themselves Ladd's Black Aces. Perhaps we can hear more of their work soon.

Fountain Records are generally available only from large-city dealers who carry vintage jazz and blues regularly. The distributor for the Fountain Series, at \$7.98 ea., is Zim Records, P. O. Box 158, Jericho, Long Island, N.Y. 11753. Be sure to write to them first for their full listing.

Note : Dave Yuckman is the producer of "Jazz Traditional" on WTBS in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and at WRSU, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He is also the co-producer of the popular show "The Wax Museum", a program of acoustical records presented weekly on the same station. Readers may write to him care of APM.

## BOOK REVIEW

Tim Brooks

Peter A. Soderbergh, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Education at Louisiana State University, is the author of *78 RPM Records & Prices*. Price guides are an increasingly popular and highly controversial type of publication in many record collecting fields. The lure (for the uninitiated is the possibility of making a bundle from those old records in the attic, and it is well-nigh irresistible. My guess is that no one is going to make any money due to this book, however, except perhaps the author -- and he has apparently made plenty (reportedly 3000 copies have already been sold!)

Whether this book was written so badly in innocence or by design, the effect remains the same. Either way, it is a rip-off of the first magnitude, and a sad example of what we can expect from most commercial publishers when dealing with early recordings.

What is wrong with *78 RPM Records & Prices* is practically everything. The principal sections of the book purport to give general values for specific artists and discs, but the writeups are hopelessly inaccurate or vague. The listings by artist are littered with cute little one liners which will be infuriating to anyone who hoped to learn anything from this book. Gene Austin's Victor discs are "everywhere but nowhere -- No market value" (baloney). Henry Burr records are "a nickel a dozen" (the same for 1902 or 1922, I suppose?) Leo Reisman has "No market value -- Leo went out like a lamb" (try to get his 1930's discs cheaply, especially those with celebrity vocalists such as Harold Arlen or Fred Astaire). B.A. Rolfe? "No market today" (any electrically recorded 52000-series Edison, which was Rolfe's main output, will bring a decent price). Guy Lombardo? "For auld lang syne's sake, a good 50¢" (try to get his first Gennetts, or even his 1930's Brunswicks, for that!) As for the Peerless Quartet, "Only the fearless blow a dime on the Peerless" says the good Ph.D. On the other hand Cameo as a label is said to be worth \$5-\$75 per disc. I'll sell mine for that!

Some listings are notable for what they don't say. Here is the entire entry for Kate Smith: "No Market Value, but thawing out. Possible \$1.50 for her classics." What are these classics? What songs, what labels?



The sum of information on Bing Crosby: "Up to \$3 for Bing's best on Brunswick, Deca prior to 1943. No Market Value rest." Similarly desirable are "selected (Sam) Lanin discs," with no further identification given. Many very prominent and saleable artists are not listed at all, especially personalities such as Ruth Etting, Helen Kane, Cal Stewart, Nick Lucas, etc., and there is no indication of the value of odd label types such as Hit of the Week, Edison Diamond Discs, Pathe sapphire cut, Vogue Picture records, odd-sized records, etc. Whatever the limitations of the book's size, there is no excuse for leaving out material of this importance.

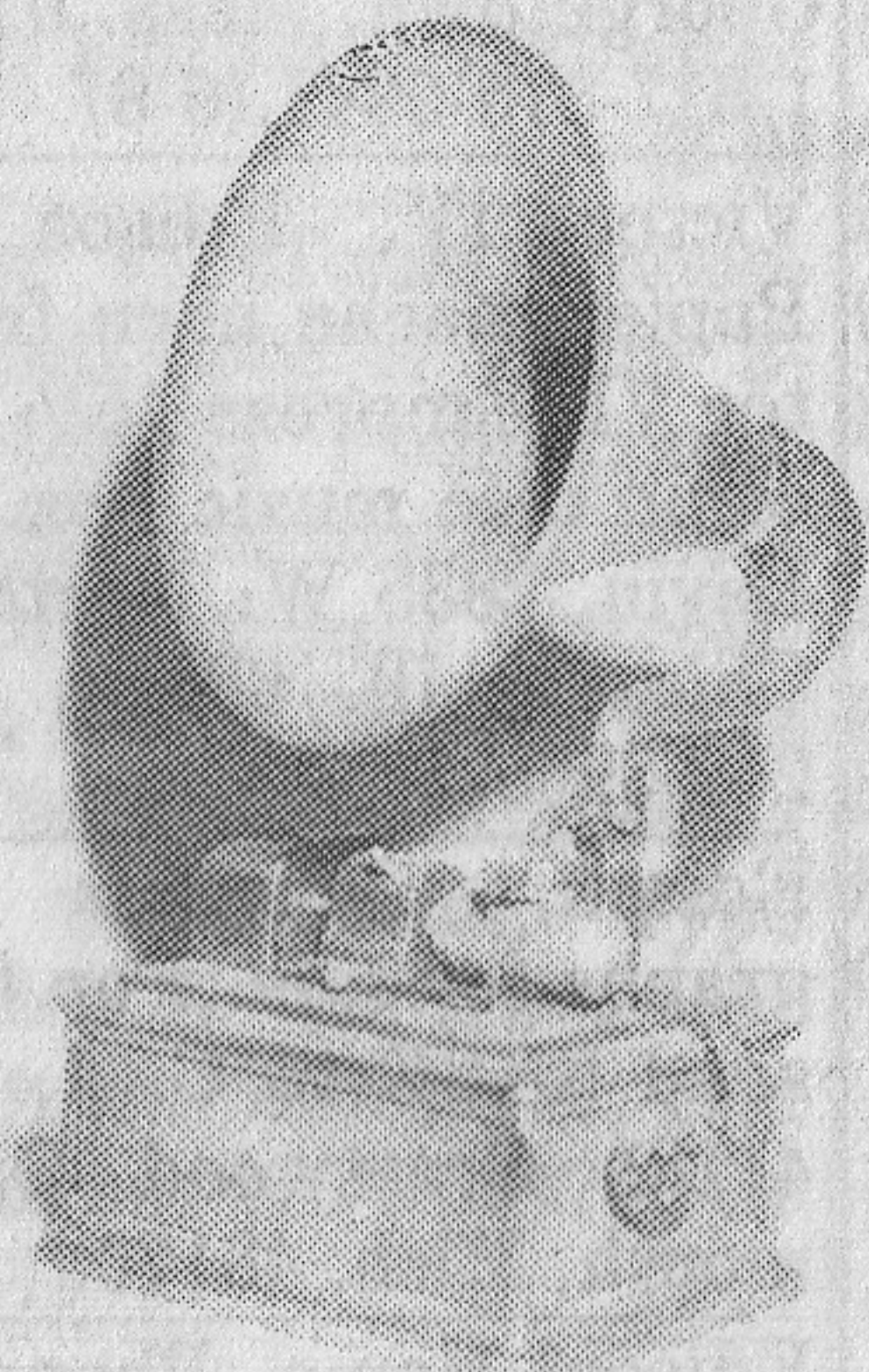
Other sections of the book are just as bad. Part One is "A Mini-History of Disc Records, 1877-1957" (sic), which is packed with howlers. No, Dr. Soderbergh, the Gramophone does not use wax coated cylinders. Columbia was not founded in 1894; Caruso's "Vesti la giubba" on Victor 6001 (which is double-sided) does not date from 1903; Victor did not begin to use the Nipper trademark in 1906; Edison did not stop making cylinders in 1912; Okeh and Pathe were not founded in 1920 -- and so on, and on, and on.

A dating section gives recording dates for 550 big band records picked apparently at random. Another dating-by-catalog-number guide is practically useless. It tells you, for example, that a Brunswick numbered 2000-4990 dates from between 1922-1930, which is not only vague but wrong. If you have a Victor numbered between 16000-28000 the guide will tell you simply that it dates from between 1908-1942. Isn't that helpful? A million sellers list is substantially inaccurate (the source is given as Joseph Murrell's *Book of Golden Discs*, which the author praises highly. For a few facts about that "reference work," see the review in *APM*, Vol. V. #2).

This book might be good for a laugh, but at a \$5.95 list price I'm afraid the joke is going to be on whoever buys it.

Published by Wallace-Homestead Book Co., 1912 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50305, and available from them or bookstores.

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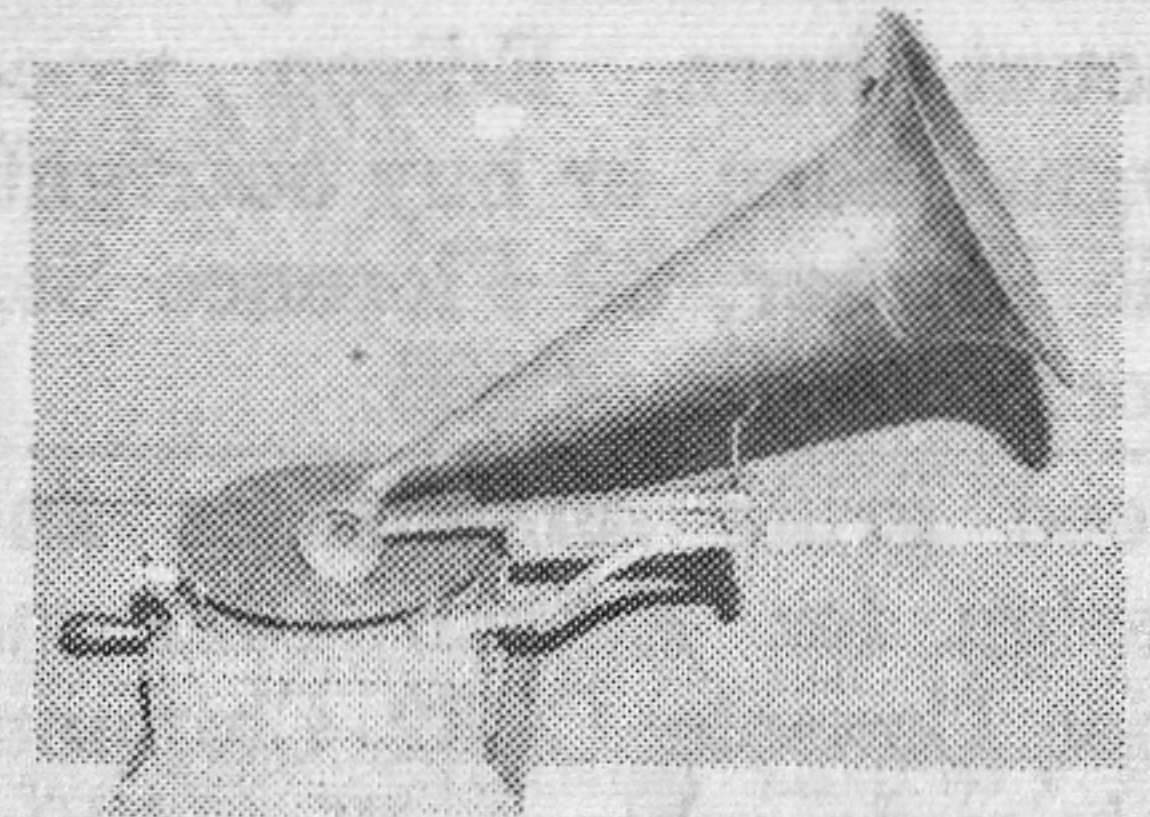
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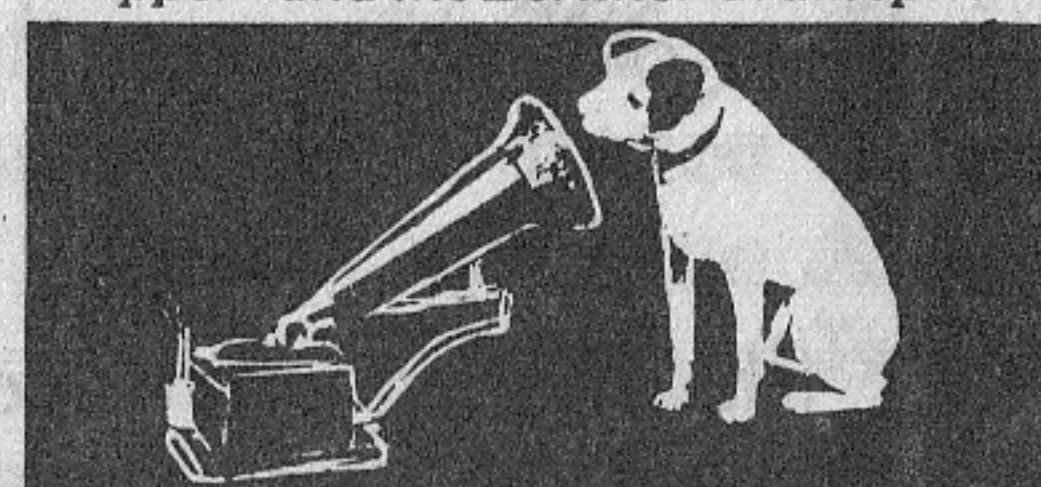
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